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**PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING
STATEMENT OF OFFENSE CONDUCT PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FILED
BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE CASE OF
UNITED STATES V. ROBERT POWELL**

In response to inquiries concerning the reported release of a document purporting to be a government statement of offense conduct in the case of United States of America v. Robert Powell, Martin C. Carlson, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, wishes to notify the public that no such document has been filed with the Court or released by the United States Attorney's Office. Court filings for public release will be posted on the Middle District of Pennsylvania's website, www.usdoj.gov/usao/pam. The public may also contact the Office of the Clerk for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to obtain information on how to obtain copies of filings made in pending public corruption prosecutions.

In addition, on April 8, the FBI issued a statement requesting the public's assistance in this on-going investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the public corruption task force toll free at 1-866-996-4320.

An Indictment or Information is not evidence of guilt but simply a description of the charge made by the Grand Jury and/or United States Attorney against a defendant. A charged Defendant is presumed innocent until a jury returns a unanimous finding that the United States has proven the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt or until the defendant has pled guilty to the charges.